

REMARKS

FORMAL MATTERS:

Claims 31, 33, 36-43, and 46-63 are now pending in this application.

Claim 31 was amended.

Claims 57-63 have been added.

The amendments to claim 31 are fully supported within the original application. Specific support can be found within previously pending now canceled claim 35.

New claim 57 is the independent form of claim 36. Thus, new claim 57 is a combination of claims 31 and 36.

New claims 58-63 include the same language as present within claims 33, 35 and 37-40 except that they are dependent directly or indirectly on claim 57.

No new matter is added.

REJECTIONS UNDER §112

Claim 31 was rejected by indicating there was not an antecedent basis for the term “actuator mechanism.” The Examiner’s position is correct. Accordingly, claim 31 has been amended to delete the word “mechanism” and add --lever-. The term “actuator lever” is present in claim 31. Thus, all of the terms are believed to have a proper antecedent basis and the rejection is overcome.

REJECTIONS UNDER §102

Claims 31, 33 and 37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as anticipated by published U.S. application 2001/0004682 to Weston.

The rejection is traversed as applied and as it might be applied to the presently pending claims. Applicants note that the rejection was not applied against dependent claim 35. Further, page 5 of the Office Action indicates that claim 35 was objected to but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 31 has been amended to so it is now the independent form of claim 35. Thus, the rejection is believed to be rendered moot.

Claims 33 and 37 are dependent on amended claim 31. Accordingly, the rejection is believed to have been rendered moot with respect to these claims which are now all believed to be allowable.

ALLOWED CLAIMS

Claims 41-43, 45-53, 55 and 56 were indicated as being allowed.

NEW CLAIMS

Applicants have added new claims 57-63. New claim 57 combines the limitations of claims 31 and 36. The Office Action indicated that claim 36 would be allowable if written in independent form. New claim 57 is the independent form of claim 36. Accordingly, claim 57 is believed to be allowable and an indication of such is respectfully requested.

New claims 58-63 are dependent directly or indirectly on claim 57. These new claims include the same language as in the claims 33, 35 and 37-40. Accordingly, the new claims 58-63 are also believed to be allowable and an indication of such is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Claim 31 was amended to overcome the formal objection. Further, claim 31 was amended to incorporate the limitations of canceled claim 35. In that claim 35 was indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form the amended claim 31 is also believed to be allowable. New independent claim 57 includes the combination of the limitations of previous claims 31 and 36 which were indicated as being allowable. Accordingly, new claim 57 and the claims dependent thereon are also believed to be allowable and an indication of such is respectfully requested.

Applicant submits that all of the claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested. If the Examiner finds that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees for extensions of time, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0815, order number ZGNX-115.

Respectfully submitted,
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